



Bridget Bean
District Director

In April of 2009, Bridget Bean was named as the District Director of the Washington Metropolitan District Office for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Bean served in numerous leadership capacities within SBA's headquarters. These previous positions provided her with a keen understanding of policy development which will help her implement the key areas of SBA activity that are vital for the growth and development of small businesses in the Metropolitan D.C. area.

Her experience in the areas of Small Business Advocacy, Government Contracting and Procurement, and Entrepreneurial Development Assistance, will have particular benefit for the more than 1,700 local firms that currently participate in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development program through the District Office.

Most recently, Bridget Bean served as Deputy Associate Administrator for the agency's 68 field offices across the nation. In this position, she was in daily contact with all the SBA District Directors and was able to identify the practices and habits of the most effective offices in the country. She will use this knowledge and utilize the most responsive and successful field practices to effectively address the needs of small business owners in the DC area.

While in her position within SBA's field operations, she was instrumental in developing cross disciplinary teams in district offices around the nation that worked to reduce the backlog of SBA disaster loans in the months following Hurricane Katrina.

The SBA's Washington Metropolitan District Office has a staff of 30 professionals dedicated to providing both the highest quality service and timely service to existing and soon to be small business owners. It has the largest 8(a) Business Development portfolio (1,700 firms) in the nation, a loan portfolio of more than 4,600 loans providing in excess of \$700 million in capital to Small Businesses, four active Micro Lenders who also provide technical assistance to small business owners through longstanding partnerships with SCORE, the Women's Business Center in Virginia and the DC Small Business Development Center Network.

A graduate of George Mason University and the Senior Executive Service Candidate Program in 2003, Bridget brings a demonstrated commitment to small business growth and development for our local as well as our national well being. After years of developing and implementing policies, she looks forward to the opportunity to support small business owners directly. Ms. Bean and her talented team of SBA colleagues will work together to address the changing needs of small business owners in the District.